



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · LOUISIANA

Grand Bayou Reservoir: Sunny Midweek, Largemouth on Riprap & Timber

Grand Bayou Reservoir · Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times in **CT** · primary: Largemouth bass

Fri ~88° → Sun ~81° (NWS SHV)

Fri–Sun window · CT

Heavy Traffic: none named Fri–Sun · expect weekend recreational pressure

Friday's chance showers and thunderstorms near 88°F give way to Saturday near 84°F (chance showers and thunderstorms) and Sunday near 81°F (chance rain showers) — fish the windows between weather, lean down on cover, and plan for weekend recreational pressure.

● WEEKEND OUTLOOK

NWS Shreveport (SHV) grid SHV 67,69 pulled Fri Oct 2, 2026 · ~6:40 AM CT. Friday high near **88°F** (Chance Showers And Thunderstorms); overnight low near **69°F**. Saturday near **84°F** (Chance Showers And Thunderstorms); Sunday near **81°F** (Chance Rain Showers). Numbers change — confirm before you launch.

FRIDAY OCT 2

88°F · Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · wind 0 to 5 mph E

Storm chances — fish protected banks and docks between cells; sit out lightning. Once cells clear, a short evening window can fire along riprap and shallow wood. Watch wind shifts after fronts (CT).

SATURDAY OCT 3

84°F · Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · wind 5 to 10 mph NE

Early leftover showers possible — fish the clean-up after 8 AM CT on secondary points and docks. High near 84°F; keep a rain shell and a slower bottom bait ready.

SUNDAY OCT 4

81°F · Chance Rain Showers · wind 5 to 10 mph NE

Showers in the mix — protected creek arms and docks between cells; skip open water if lightning. High near 81°F; evening bank bite can return as traffic softens (CT).

How to fish this weather

For **largemouth** (primary on Grand Bayou Reservoir this week): lead with docks, timber, riprap, and shade cover on sunny high-pressure days. Dawn shallow windows are the money; midweek heat makes midday picky — downsize and work deeper shade until evening. Keep presentations

compact — tubes, Ned rigs, jigs, and small swimbaits in craw and shad tones.

Hydrate on the hot banks. Weekend recreational pressure — still watch ramp stacks after mid-morning when the thermometer climbs.

● DAM & LEVEL CHEAT SHEET

THIN at pull Sun Sep 27, 2026 · ~10:50 PM CT. Use live elev/cfs from agency boards only — do not invent a unit schedule. Failover: LDWF / local Grand Bayou reservoir notes · ramp boards.

ZONE	LEVEL / FLOW NOTE	BITE NOTE
East access	THIN at pull — no dated elev on board	East public banks for dawn soft plastics on riprap when posted open.
Main lake	THIN — verify live before you trailer	Main-lake timber and points midweek.
Dam / west	THIN — Grand Bayou public boards THIN at pull	Dam-end access where posted; skip stilling water.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared: Warm dawns; hydrate by late morning. Skip private docks and closed zones. **Public banks / park access** where posted for dawn soft plastics on riprap and timber — fees verify live. **Day-use shore** midweek for shade. Dam zones off-limits. Live-check ramp notices and any temporary park closures before you commit the morning. Give paddle traffic a wide berth near swim areas and courtesy docks. Carry a dry bag for the phone when fog or spray cuts visibility on the open.

KAYAK

Plan: Launch posted public access and work protected creek arms and timber edges. PFD on the whole float; skip dam stilling water. Soft recreational rebound — marked exit after 11 AM CT when traffic builds. Live-check ramp notices and any temporary park closures before you commit the morning. Give paddle traffic a wide berth near swim areas and courtesy docks. Carry a dry bag for the phone when fog or spray cuts visibility on the open.

BOAT

Plan: First light–10 AM CT on docks, riprap, and creek mouths for active largemouth; late morning graph points; evening shade. Public ramps — weekday stacks lighter than weekends; idle clear of swim lines. Live-check ramp notices and any temporary park closures before you commit the morning. Give paddle traffic a wide berth near swim areas and courtesy docks. Carry a dry bag for the phone when fog or spray cuts visibility on the open.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (chrome / bone)
on calm dawn banks

Popper / buzz on shade
docks midweek

Spinnerbait (white /
chartreuse) along windward
timber

MID

3–4" swimbait (shad) on
points

Squarebill (craw / chartreuse)
ticking riprap

Jerkbait on clearer main-lake
edges

BOTTOM

Tube (green pumpkin) on rock
and docks

Ned / shaky when high
pressure gets picky

Football jig dragging points
and brush

Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed this window. Lean craw / Junebug in creek arms; chrome / white on clearer main-lake rock.

● LARGEMOUTH LIFE STAGE

Early-fall largemouth on Grand Bayou key on riprap, timber, and creek arms under sunny high pressure. Dawn windows are strongest; midday gets picky — downsize. Craw and shad; stay honest.

What's on the menu: Crayfish, shad, bluegill. Thin hatch reports.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

CRAPPIE · BREAM

Crappie: brush early and late. Bream: shallow
cover on a light float.

CATFISH

Channel cats near deeper swings — cut bait.
Confirm regs with LDWF.

● HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named national trail event pulled for Grand Bayou Reservoir Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4 (calendars skimmed). Weekend recreational pressure; warmer midweek afternoons can thicken pleasure traffic after mid-morning. Still watch ramp stacks.

Treat the sunny Monday as a confidence dawn window — arrive early, fish shade and cover before the recreational stack builds, and leave a backup creek arm or timber pocket if main-lake ski traffic wakes up after lunch. Warm overnight lows keep fish shallow at first light; once the sun clears the trees, rotate to brushier shade lines instead of burning bright banks.

Local clocks on this product are labeled in the hero (CT). Ramp manners matter midweek: idle clear of launch lanes, share the courtesy dock, and give paddle traffic room near the parks. Any thunder still means off the water even on a sunny forecast. Carry spare terminal tackle — docks, timber, and riprap eat tubes and Ned heads faster than open-water days.

When the graph shows bait pinned to a windward point, match size before color — a compact swimbait or tube often outfishes a big fall profile until the fish show themselves. On bank days, rotate shade docks and timber seams instead of camping one corner all morning. Kayak anglers

fish a triangle of two protected pockets and one secondary point so a lee option is always close.

Boat anglers should leave a margin before afternoon recreational lanes on the warm midweek days. Rising afternoon temperatures can make midday picky — downsize line, tip with a smaller trailer, and work deeper shade until the evening bank bite returns. Stained creek arms still fish; clearer main-lake rock wants cleaner presentations and a slower retrieve once the sun goes high.

A light rain shell still belongs in the boat if fog thickens before the sun burns it off, or if Wednesday's outlook teases later storms. If a local club blast-off appears midweek despite the calendar skim, give them the main ramp lane for twenty minutes and start on a secondary access rather than forcing a crowded courtesy dock. Keep the primary story on largemouth cover; secondary species are bonuses once you have a few fish in the well.

Pack a spare spool of fluorocarbon in the eight-to-twelve pound range for clearer edges and a slightly heavier braid leader when you punch brushy docks or timber. Re-tie after every big fish or snag — high-pressure sunny days punish a nick you would ignore under cloud cover. Log water color at the ramp so you can match stain notes on the next trip without guessing from memory.

Under bluebird midweek skies, commit to a short bait list before you leave the ramp: one walking or popping topwater for the calm dawn, one compact bottom bait for midday shade, and one reaction bait for any breeze that orients bait on points. Changing every ten casts under high pressure usually costs more fish than it finds on these Louisiana waters.

If morning fog hangs past sunrise, fish the first hour closer to the ramp instead of crossing open water blind. Once the sun burns through, expand to secondary points and windward timber. On bank days, walk a longer stretch of public shoreline rather than camping one corner — early-fall fish slide along shade seams as the sun climbs.

Carry polarized glasses for dock and timber peering under the bright midday sun — spotting bait or fish under floats often beats casting blind at every piling. Keep a soft exit if afternoon recreational traffic stacks near the main ramps, and give paddle traffic room near parks and swim areas.

Verify live park fees, launch hours, and any temporary ramp notices the night before — midweek events or maintenance can close a favorite lane without updating every social post. Numbers on boards and forecasts change overnight even under a stable sunny pattern, so confirm the NWS grid and a nearby METAR before you trailer.

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● **LOOKING AHEAD**

Sunny midweek holds; bank early windows while the pattern stays quiet.

● **PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER**

Pure-Gas.org listings near this corridor for this Cast window (no prices — verify grade at the pump). Listings can change. None confirmed at the immediate ramp corridor at pull — West Monroe / Ruston are the practical fill stops on the drive.

Murphy 7937 — 1027 Glenwood Dr, West Monroe, LA · West Monroe · 87 octane E0

QuikTrip — 185 Well Rd, West Monroe, LA · West Monroe · 91 octane E0

Murphy Usa 7857 — 1207 N Service Rd E, Ruston, LA · Ruston · 87 octane E0

Sources: NWS api.weather.gov SHV/67,69 forecast · METAR KJAN ~29.94 inHg (calm · A2994) · Grand Bayou public boards THIN at pull (failover: LDWF / local Grand Bayou reservoir notes · ramp boards) · public E0 directories (Pure-Gas.org-aligned; listed; no prices) · trail calendars skimmed (no named event Fri–Sun Oct 2–4). Pulled Fri Oct 2, 2026 · ~6:40 AM CT. Numbers change — confirm conditions and the forecast before you launch.

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